

## North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

## **State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee**

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To: Members of the DHHS Legislative Oversight Committee

From: Rosemary Weaver, Chair of State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee

## Dear Senators and Representatives:

The State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (SCFAC) was established in statute 122C-171 in 2006 for the purpose of advising the General Assembly and the Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS). A copy of this statute and a list of SCFAC members is attached. As the Chair of this committee, I want to ensure that all members of the newly created DHHS LOC are aware that we, as a body, are available to you for consult regarding matters relating to Mental Health, Developmental Disability and Substance Abuse Services (MHDDSAS).

The SCFAC is comprised of 21 members who are either consumers or family members of consumers of these services. The members are appointed in the following manner:

- 3 by Speaker of the House (equal representation by region)
- 3 by the President Pro Temp of the Senate (equal representation by region)
- 3 by the North Carolina Council on Community Programs (equal representation by region)
- 3 by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (equal representation by region)
- 9 by the Secretary of DHHS (equal representation by disability area)

We have presented issues and consulted with the former LOC on MHDDSAS and have had a SCFAC member attend their meetings on a regular basis. We are aware that changes to statute 122C may need to be made based on HB 916 which passed in the 2011 legislative session. We are ready and available to advise, consult, and educate members of this new DHHS committee as needed. Libby Jones, Vice Chair of SCFAC, and I look forward to establishing a working relationship with you as you prepare for the 2012 legislative session.

If you would like further information about the SCFAC, please visit our web site at <a href="www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/scfac/index.htm">www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/scfac/index.htm</a> Libby and I can both be contacted via the SCFAC e-mail address: <a href="state.cfac@dhhs.nc.gov">state.cfac@dhhs.nc.gov</a>. You can also contact me personally at: <a href="state.cfac@dhhs.nc.gov">kittycat308@aol.com</a>

Sincerely,

Rosemany Weaver
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